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2 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Attorney General

1. In connection with the [redacted] mission, I am sure you have been informed that [redacted] has returned from Cuba with some confirmation that the drug deliveries have not been entirely satisfactory and Cuban complaints are, at least in part, legitimate.

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2. Upon hearing this, Mr. McCone asked me to suggest to you that direct contact be made with Mr. [redacted]

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in an effort to make appropriate corrections and prevent difficulties in the future.

3. Mr. McCone also suggested that adequate steps be taken to provide enough qualified people from HEW and the Public Health Service to see that the drug deliveries are properly inventoried and checked out.

4. The foregoing has been passed to [redacted] in New York, but I believe that action at your level is indicated.

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(Not signed or fwd - see M/R below)

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Director
Acting

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Orally passed to the AG at 11:10 at White House, and then to his Special Assistant by phone at 12:45.

/s/ M. S. C.

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w/bacground memo of conversation
cc - Gen. Counsel; Exec Dir.; DDCI; EA-DCI; ER

Conversation Between Mr. McCone and General Carter at 10:45 on
Monday, 1 April 1963

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Mr. McCone asked General Carter to call the Attorney General since, now that [redacted] is back, he (Mr. McCone) thinks the directors and heads of the drug industry should be alerted to the fact that we want "this thing" pursued energetically and do not want any (word not audible) and unwrapped narcotics. Mr. McCone said he understands that Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] says there are some legitimate complaints.

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Mr. McCone said there is a man named [redacted] who is a member of "that board" -- he is well known to the Attorney General and has much contact with the administration "since he is a good member of that party" -- Mr. McCone stated that [redacted] could convene the board 25X1 and discuss the problems, the plus's and minus's, and be sure that nothing gets off the rail.

I could not hear Mr. McCone's next statement, but he added that "If they let this thing go, it could subject them to criticism on the Hill," and that nothing would please the Congressional Committee more. He said that now is the time to be sure that does not happen.

Mr. McCone repeated his request that General Carter call the Attorney General and give him the [redacted] report or have Mr. Houston do it, and suggest that they move in. He said we should be sure that we get enough people from HEW to see that the stuff is properly inventoried and checked out. 25X1

Mr. McCone said that he gave the Attorney General all of these things in writing except to talk to the board itself. He added that he thinks things are better than was indicated in "that report," but that there is room for complaint.

General Carter asked Mr. McCone if he was in Washington at the time the newspapers had an article that the drug companies were reporting this was a profitable deal, and Mr. McCone replied negatively and asked that [redacted] clip the articles and send them to him Air Mail Special Delivery.

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